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America's Got Talent stars The Texas Tenors will appear at Margate Winter Gardens next month and are looking for choirs to perform with them. The boys are touring the UK for the first time and want choirs from across the nation to get in touch. If your choir is interested, you can contact the team by sending an email to admin@theatre-productions.com.

More than 100 million viewers tuned in to the Tenors' performances on the hit show and they were voted 2009's Vocal Group Of The Year. The group comprises classically-trained tenors and childhood friends JC, Marcus and John. They perform romantic songs and also bring their unique blend of gospel, country, classical and Broadway to the stage with breathtaking vocals, humour and a hint of cowboy charm. Tickets for the show, on Saturday, September 11, are priced at £19.50.

### BY TOM BETTS

A COMMUNITY green has been recommended for sale to make way for a housing project.

The 700-square-metre piece of land at Dalby Square, Cliftonville, is one step away from being sold after Thanet council's cabinet took

their decision on Thursday last week.

Members recommended the land be sold to the Town and Country Planning group, but a final decision will be made by the council's planning committee in the coming months.

A consultation to gather views on the plans for the site is due to end on Friday, August 27 - meaning the cabinet chose to recommend the plans before residents and other parties had the chance to make their opinions known.

Many will object to the loss of the green, which is used as a play area by local children. The green has been included as part of an application to redevelop the old Warren Court Hotel site, to include 12 family units and eight two-bedroom flats.

Council leader Bob Bayford said: "I must stress that this whole application will have to go through a thorough planning process. The

go through a thorough planning process. The cabinet has recommended this, but that does not mean permission has yet been given.

"The strip of land included was designated for housing in 2006. It's a good scheme and could provide 20 units of much-needed social housing. I think it would be irresponsible if we didn't allow this housing-association development application to come forward. It would be an improvement to Dalby Square.'

A task force to tackle the area's problems, such as crime, poor housing and ill-health, is

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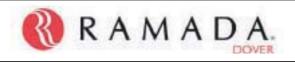
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### **COMEDY CLUB NIGHT**

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# **Artists work** with young for exhibition

### BY TOM BETTS

THE Children's Laureate is visiting Margate on Friday to launch a display of family art.

Anthony Browne will be in town to open an exhibition of art created by artists working in partnership with their children.

The Building Blocks exhibition will take place at Droit House next to Margate Harbour Arm.

The gallery is part of the Turner Contemporary organisation and the exhibition is part of their Generate

Learning programme.
It caught the attention of Mr Browne, a well-known Kent children's author.

He said: "As Children's Laureate I champion the appreciation of pic-ture books, and I strongly believe that picture books are for everybody at any age, not books to be left behind as we grow older.

"Imagination is ageless and I love the fact that the works on display combine ideas and inspiration from both children and adults."

A Turner spokeswoman said: "Building Blocks celebrates artmaking across the generations.

"The Kent-based Generate artists were inspired by the creativity, play and inventiveness of their children and so started a process of collaboration which has led to the creation of playful and exciting artworks in this exhibition.

The exhibition launch event is free and will run from 5pm to 7pm, with speeches at 5.45pm.

Two works from Building Blocks have been installed in an Old Town shop front and to celebrate the launch many of the shops in Margate's Old Town will be open late on that day.

The exhibition will be open to the public from Wednesdays to Sundays, 10am to 5pm from Saturday, August 14 to Sunday,



#### **SO INSPIRED:** Author Anthony Browne

September 26. For further details visit www.turnercontemporary.org

The role of Children's Laureate, which Mr Browne currently holds, is awarded every two years to an eminent writer or illustrator of children's books to celebrate outstanding achievement in their field.

The Turner organisation holds a series of free family Generate workshops over the summer.

Everyone is invited to join in the artist-led classes.

On Wednesday, August 18, from 4pm to 6pm a workshop to make structures for the beach will take place at Joss Bay.

It will form part of the council's Beach Blast event and participants will use the sand, sea and air for inspiration.

The Big Draw 2010 will get underway at Droit House from 1pm to 3pm on Saturday, October 9, with people invited to add their own doodles to a big wall drawing, with the aim of creating a massive piece of

### Couple convicted of neglecting children

A COUPLE who assaulted and cruelly treated two young children have been found guilty of child neglect.

Kristina Davies and Ricky Winter, both of Canterbury Road, Margate, had denied eight counts of child neglect, but a jury found them guilty of the offences.

The charges relate to a period in July of last year when the pair were looking after two boys under the age

During that time the boys suffered an array of injuries, including broken

bones, bruises and bites.
Davies, 19, and Winter, 23, also forced the boys to stand in a corner with their hands on their heads and screamed in their faces on numerous occasions.

The pair will be sentenced at Canterbury Crown Court in September.

### Volunteers needed

THE Thanet branches of the RSPCA

charity shops need your help.
Three of the four shops need people to run the stores.

A spokesman said: "We looking for volunteers to help in the shops at Broadstairs, Ramsgate and Margate.

"The shops provide a friendly atmosphere in which to work and are open daily between 10am and 4pm."

Anyone is interested in giving a few hours a week fshould call Steve on 01843 826180 or 07986144733.

### **Airport complaints**

FIGURES released by the Kent International Consultative Committee show a number of complaints made against the airport for the last four months.

During April, May, June and July of this year a total of 102 complaints were made. Forty came from Ramsgate, 24 from Westgate, 21 from Herne Bay, seven from St Nicholas at Wade, four from Monkton, three from Minster, two from Whitstable and one from Canterbury.

### Heath's life recorded

A NEW biography of Thanet-born former Prime Minister Sir Ted Heath has been released.
Edward Heath: The Authorised

Biography, by Philip Ziegler, costs £25 from most retailers. It is published by HarnerPress.

The former PM was born in Broadstairs and loved to sail on the waters around Thanet. He attended Chatham House Grammar School as a student for many years.

# Probation 'cuts repeat crime'

THE Kent Probation Service says that not sending offenders to prison for short term sentences is paying dividends.

More than 373 offenders in Thanet have avoided prison time and been placed on community orders, which can include unpaid work for local communities.

Statistics show that 61 per cent of offenders return to crime in the first year after serving a short term sen-

However, that figure drops to 37 per cent if they are given a communitv sentence of some kind.

Kent Probation's Chief Executive, Helen West, said: "Kent Probation protects the public and reduces re-offending by delivering the sentences of the courts and reforming offend-

ers.
"A community order can combine punishment with rehabilitation which is proven to be more effective than a short-term prison sentence.

"When offenders are given shortterm prison sentences it is very difficult to tackle the reasons behind their offending, whereas a community sentence can last three years."

"Kent Probation has a wealth of nowledge about influencing knowledge changes in offender's thinking and behaviour that motivates them to stop committing crime.

"There is good evidence to show that probation works, and that offenders on these orders will have learned new skills which will enable them to stay out of trouble."

Last year, 122 offenders in Thanet completed a group work programme aimed at changing the offender's behaviour.

A total of 24 drug rehabilitation orders were completed in the area during the year ending March 2010 and more than 220 offenders completed unpaid work orders, known as Community Payback.

This is where offenders are made to carrying out work for the benefit of local communities.

# Mystery objects seen in skies over the isle

### BY TOM BETTS

STRANGE balloon-shaped objects have been spotted in the skies over Broadstairs and Margate.

The are the latest in a long line of UFO sightings in Thanet this year.

Reader Mrs Laffineur said she had spotted the red balloon-shaped objects "behind the Albion Hotel building."

Mrs Laffineur, who is from Broadstairs said she does not believe in UFOs, but remarked that the objects had moved slowly towards the sea before seemingly "burning out".

The week before, Yourthanet received a letter from Adrian Scott, also from the town.

He was the first to report the objects in the sky, which he and his wife had witnessed.

He said he had seen an object that looked like a balloon travelling east, out over Kingsgate.

He reported it as being visible for about two minutes and that it appeared round and dark with a bright light underneath.

He had assumed it was a hot air balloon, but accepted that he now realised why people believe in UFOs.

Another eerie sighting was reported on the site uk-UFO.co.uk this week.

A Margate man, named as Tony Squirrell, said: "My wife and I saw a bright red/orange/yellowy light in the sky approximately 30 degrees from the horizon. Travelling from the west, silently, it made a turn north, out to sea. Ten minutes later another orange light appeared to follow the same flight path.



**PUZZLING:** The UFO is circled top right in this website picture, said to have been taken at the Big Event in Margate

Once over the sea the lights "switched off" rapidly. There was no evidence of aeroplane lights, i.e. flashing red or green, and no sound either. "We considered that the lights were unlikely

"We considered that the lights were unlikely to represent Chinese lanterns due to the brightness and multi-coloured nature of the objects."

Pictures have also surfaced at the www.top10ufo.com site of two shapes in the sky at the Big Event in Margate.

Photos taken by one spectator appear to show some kind of object in the background of a shot of a Lancaster bomber and the Red Arrows.

Although we have been unable to ascertain if the pics were from the Big Event of 2009 or 2010, the photographer said that it is not dirt on the lens because of the different location of the objects in each of his pictures.

The news of the sightings comes in the week that Britain released hundreds of previously secret UFO files, including a letter saying that Winston Churchill had ordered a 50-year coverup of a wartime encounter between a UFO and military pilot.

More files, published by the National Archives, have been released. They span decades and contain scores of witness accounts, sketches and classified briefing notes documenting mysterious sightings across Britain.

Have you seen any UFO's over Thanet in recent weeks?
 Contact our newsdesk on 01303 817156.



SCHEME: Homes overlooking Dalby Green

# Housing plans for community green

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now being set up. The ward of Cliftonville West has one the lowest lifeexpectancy rates in the country, 17 years shorter than some other parts of Kent.

With many residents living in small one-bedroom flats with no back gardens, the decision to recommend the sale of a much-used parcel of green space has raised eyebrows.

The Margate task-force report, which was also recommended at the same meeting, states that the "key killers for this population are circulatory disease and all cancers".

On Radio Kent last week, council cabinet member for community services Chris Wells said poor diet and low levels of exercise contributed to the problem.

Labour councillors for the ward are to fight the application.

Clive Hart said that until recently the land and its use by community groups was being held up as an example of the community and council working in partnership. He is dismayed the land has been included in the plans.

But Cllr Bayford cited the new play park on the seafront at the end of Dalby Square and improvements in Dane Park as ways the council was providing areas for recreation and said "if the green was left, then we would lose potential family housing."

# Alfie, 2, loses cancer battle

A LITTLE boy from Ramsgate who was battling a rare form of cancer has died at home.

Alfie Gough from Ramsgate was suffering from neuroblastoma, and a c a m p a i g n called Alfie's Appeal was in full swing to



try to help him beat the illness.
The aim was to raise £300,000 to

fund potentially life-saving treatment overseas for the toddler.

A funeral was due to take place at St Ethelbert's Church, Hereson Road, Ramsgate, yesterday (Tuesday). A service at Ramsgate Cemetery was planned for afterwards.

Two-year-old Alfie died at home with his mum and dad, Sarah and Dean, cuddled up in bed.

Fewer than 100 children are diagnosed with the condition each year in the UK.

Alfie was diagnosed in December 2009 after a series of hospital visits and tests.

Friends had been at Westwood Cross shopping centre recently to drum up more support for the fund.

Any donations that people wish to make via the campaign website, www.appeal4alfie.com, will be used to help other children who have neuroblastoma.

# African holiday park plan for Quex estate

MORE of the isle's fast-vanishing farmland could be lost if Thanet council allows the Quex Park estate to build a holiday village. A scheme to build 21 holiday

A scheme to build 21 holiday homes, called African rondavels, has been submitted to the authority in a bid to make the estate a more desirable place for tourists.

The plans, which were submitted in June, also include parking for 40 vehicles, accommodation for a warden and a reception facility.

A 4.1-hectare area of land just to the south-east of the Quex Barn structure, which houses a farm shop and restaurant, has been earmarked for development, although not all of that area is likely to be built on.

The 21 circular timber rondavels would operate for 48 weeks of the year and they are planned to tie in with the African theme of some of the estate's attractions, such as many of the exhibits on the estate's famous Powell -Cotton Museum.

They would be solar-powered and have wood-burning stoves and thatched roofs.

There would be a 10 per cent reduction in the rent for anyone who

arrives without a car.
The site is enclosed by woodland to

the eastern, western and southern boundaries and is screened by trees to the north side.

An exisiting barn structure would be removed to make room for the car-parking area.

The huts would not be let out as residential dwellings, according to the application, and would be to "support and enhance the facilities at Quex Estate" and to "make Quex a premier visitor destination in Thanet and one of the key attractions in Kent".

### Accommodation

Quex Park estate has a total area of 101 hectares and is to the south of Birchington.

The area is already home to other holiday parks, such as the nearby Two Chimneys site.

Quex owners believe that the new holiday-village idea will provide more accommodation for people who wish to stay in Thanet and would provide a boost for tourism.

The applicants have requested that council officers support the application, although a decision on the development will have to be taken by the council's planning committee.



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**ON THE WATERFRONT:** Ramsgate's vibrant seafront will play host to the Summer Squall arts festival next week

# **Festival aims to** paint welcome picture of town

THE first Ramsgate arts festival BY TOM BETTS is almost upon us.

The festival, a year in the making, aims to further put Ramsgate on the cultural map.

Events will take place during the upcoming August bank holiday weekend, over the course of three days

The festival is called A Summer Squall this year and is the brainchild of Ramsgate Arts, a group of local residents and volunteers.

They believe the town has what it takes to compete with the likes of Brighton, Whitstable and Edinburgh.

The full programme is available to view online at www.ramsgatearts.org and most of the events, which take place at venues all over the town, will be free.

The festival has a green theme and organisers promise it will have something for everyone, including theatre, cinema, music, painting, crafts, workshops and talks on cartoons, jewellery and archaeology.

There will also be a treasure hunt taking in the town's architectural heritage.

A spokeswoman said: "A lot of effort and money has been put into generating annual events for Margate, and Broadstairs has Dickens Week, Folk Week and the excellent new food festival, but Ramsgate, with its beautiful beach, harbour and impressive architecture, has a lot to offer too

"We hope A Summer Squall will become an

annual showcase for the town's potential to locals and visitors alike."

A Summer Squall is being backed by Ramsgate Town Council and local businesses. On Saturday, August 28, attractions

include a wind-powered sound machine, art exhibitions, upcycling workshops, puppet shows and theatre performances including Alice in Wonderland and The Con Man.

On Sunday, August 29, look out for Big Beat, who hold the record for the world's largest percussion band using instruments made out of recycled junk.

Bank Holiday Monday, August, includes Ramsgate's Got Writing Talent (a contest for budding authors), Death in Ramsgate (a murder mystery on the Cervia steam tug), Marina Sossi Dance Theatre, The Biscuit Chronicles, Treasure Hunt Challenge, and music at the Italianate greenhouse in King George VI Park.

On Sunday and Monday you can visit the 'Made in Thanet' and 'Green Futures' markets and Sol Cinema - the world's smallest solar-powered cinema.

Advance tickets are available from the Visitor Centre, Custom House, Ramsgate, CT11 8LP.

You can also book by phone on 07544 971685, or visit www.wegottickets.com.

## Bid in for arches regeneration cash

THANET council is to bid for £550,000 of EU money, to regenerate the red brick arches on Ramsgate seafront.

The council's cabinet has voted to bid for

cash from the European Union Interreg Two Seas – Yacht Valley programme for 1,306,500 Euros.

The authority would be required to match the money if successful.

A sum of £100,000 had already been set aside in the council's capital programme for work to the arches and the additional money would be funded by borrowing a further £282,070.

Of the arches, 14 of 30 are not in use and need to be refurbished. New floors, services and external treatment would be some of the work carried out.

Renting some of the arches out to businesses would help to make up the money

to pay for the council's half of the funding.
The council will find out in November whether or not the bid has been successful, when a final decision is taken.

Cllr Roger Latchford, the council's cabinet member for regeneration, said: "If we're successful, we can see more of these beautiful arches being brought back into use and at the same time encouraging new marine businesses to be based alongside the harbour'

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### **Beach-clean help needed**

FIFTY volunteers are needed to take part in

a beach-cleaning effort.

Kent Surf School and the Revolution Skatepark, in conjunction with Surfers Against Sewage, are looking for helpers for a cleaning event on Viking Bay in Broadstairs at 1pm on Monday, August 30.

Everyone who takes part will be entitled to a free surf lesson or beach activity with Kent

In August, Surfers Against Sewage will be hitting the road with the biggest beach-clean tour in its history, Motivocean, which will be calling in at over 20 locations across the UK.

To sign up for the Viking Bay clean, email Chris@sas.org.uk, with your name, age and contact details or call SAS on 01872 555950. If you are 16-25, you can sign up directly at

www.vinspired.com. Alternatively, email Kent Surf School at info@kentsurfschool. co.uk or call Revolution on 01843 866707.

### **Choirs on song for health**

MORE than 100 singers from nine choirs came together for a public performance at the Granville Theatre in Ramsgate.

The show took place on Sunday, June 30, as part of a Singing for Health event hosted by Canterbury Christ Church University's Sidney De Haan Research Centre for Arts and Health.

The choirs were all part of an East Kent network for people with a history of serious and enduring mental health issues.

Professor Stephen Clift, the centre's director at Canterbury Christ Church University, said: "It was a great success."

### **Rotarians dance for hospice**

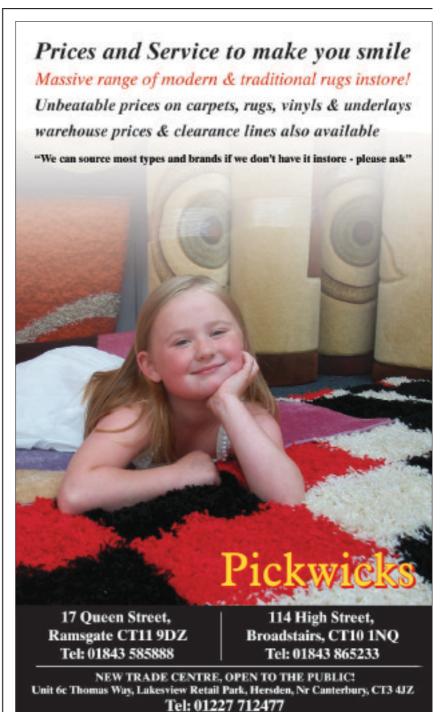
MEMBERS of the Rotary Club of Westgate and Birchington danced the night away to raise money for local charities.

Members arranged a Local Celebrity Come Dancing Evening and one of the charities to benefit was the Pilgrims Hospice in Thanet.

The Thanet Hospice has plans to increase the number of single rooms and upgrade facilities to improve patient care.

Kevin Dack, chairman of the community

committee, said: "Pilgrims Hospice is an important charity to Thanet and the Rotary Club is delighted to help."



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**JAMMING:** Musician and composer John Altman

### Sixth jazz festival gets in full swing

THE Wantsum Jazz group is holding its sixth jazz festival this month.

The festival takes place in two phases, the first over this weekend at Ramsgate harbour, then from Saturday to Monday, August 28-30, at the Churchill Tavern in the town.

Headline bands on Saturday include Hamish Stuart (formerly of the Average White Band), while Scott Maslen (East-Enders star Jack Branning) will be there to support wife Estelle Rubio, who will perform on the yacht The Proud Seahorse.

John Altman, composer on films such as Titanic, Little Voice and Hear My Song, has promised to jam with some of the bands.

On Sunday, we shall be hearing from Christine Tobin and the ever-popular WestCoast Soul Orchestra.

The gigs at the Churchill Tavern will feature Richard Rozze's Blues Fuse, the Phil Robson Trio and Electric Arkestra.

For more information, look on the Facebook site Wantsum Jazz or phone Tony Bex on  $01843\ 850630$  or 07854

# Hart backs task force but slams police numbers

NEWS that a task force is to be set up to tackle some of the deep-rooted problems in Cliftonville and Margate has been welcomed by one of the area's councillors.

The isle's Labour leader, Clive Hart, says it can't come soon enough and has called for one area to receive first attention as a pilot zone and for policing levels to be upped.

Cllr Hart has had a worrying string of events reported to him in recent weeks from the Lewis Crescent area.

They include alleged incidents of domestic violence, in which a knife with a 9in blade was possibly in evidence, intense arguments and high levels of disturbances such as shouting and threatening behaviour from the occupants of some properties in the road.

He is critical of policing numbers in the troubled area and wants them increased.

He said: "The whole situation became apparent when a PCSO attended a recent residents' meeting in Cliftonville and told the whole room Tve been covering Cliftonville West almost

BY TOM BETTS

entirely on my own for a while now and it looks like I will be for some time'. She also explained that it was becoming very stressful.

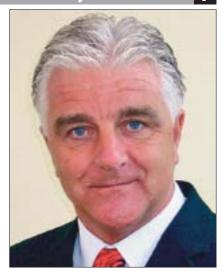
"The latest knife complaint is the latest of its kind in this particular area.

"Myself and fellow ward councillors have been consistently informed that we have a team of five police officers and PCSOs in a team dedicated to Cliftonville West, but we have also recently discovered that in the past few weeks that number has reduced to just one.

When it is set up, the task force will aim to tackle a raft of problems in the two wards of Cliftonville West and Margate Central.

Kent Police's district commander, Chief Inspector Mitchell Fox, said: "We have been working extensively with Thanet council to address the concerns of residents in the area.

"Our efforts have included prompt police responses to calls and follow-up visits, the installation of a temporary CCTV camera, visits from community-safety officers and intervention with families.



CALL FOR ACTION: Clive Hart wants more police in the area

"The council has offered to install noisemonitoring equipment to gather evidence in relation to noise nuisance.

"In addition to this, a task force involving police, community-safety officers and housing officers is currently being established.

"This team will be tackling, among other things antisocial behaviour, housing problems, employment issues and truancy. They will be concentrating their efforts in Margate and Cliftonville.

"Thanet council and the police are striving to create an environment where residents feel safe.

"Our action in Lewis Crescent has been prompt and thorough and we are continuing to build on the work already undertaken.

"I am confident that our extensive efforts in the area demonstrate that we are taking people's concerns seriously and, more importantly, taking action to make their neighbourhood even safer."



New head chef. Exciting new menu.

Thorley Taverns are delighted to introduce new head chef, Thom Somers to Atlantis Restaurant, Harbour Parade, Ramsgate. Thom, former second chef at the excellent Tartar Frigate, Broadstairs, looks forward to delighting you now with his superb new menu.

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# QUESTION & ANSWER VIRGINIA HOWES



### How did you first become a midwife?

I married quite young, had four babies of my own and loved everything about pregnancy, birth and motherhood and was sad to leave it all behind once my own family was complete so thought midwifery was a way to stay involved. At 32 I went back to full-time study at university and arrived at my dream job six years later.

### Why did you set up an independent midwifery service and what are the advantages compared with the NHS?

A I believe in the NHS and if I could work the way I do now I would never have left, but midwifery is more to me than just a job – it is a commitment to an individual woman.

After working locally in two different trusts for two years as a new midwife, I soon realised I would not be able to stay in such a large organisation. I wanted to be one-to-one with women, to get to know them and their families. Evidence shows that one continuous midwife throughout pregnancy and birth improves all outcomes.

I was often so busy in the NHS that I did not have the time to really be the midwife I wanted to be or to give the personal care that takes time. Now I have one woman at a time to give attention to and she knows I am a phone-call away, 24/7. Women want to know the midwife who will care for them during their birth and know that she will not be going home halfway through their labour.

### Would you say it is better for children to be born at home rather than in a hospital?

Absolutely. There are still those who believe hospital is the safest place, but just because you believe something does not make it fact. Birth is a very safe and normal process, not an illness, and we have the evidence that for most women home is the safest and best place of all to be.

You rarely hear women telling horror stories about their home births, although unfortunately when they do, it hits the news because it is so rare.

All babies used to be born at home, then, with no evidence to back up the information, the public were led to believe hospitals were safer and a whole culture was changed. We are now trying to change it back and increase the home-birth rate, but it takes time.

Women and babies are more likely to end up with problems if the birth is treated as a medical event.

# Do you think doctors too easily resort to Caesarean births?

In some cases yes, but it is because they view childbirth as a potential problem rather than a normal life event.

They see the worst-case scenario and act on it, whereas midwives presume normal until proven otherwise. The more often something happens, the easier it becomes and the more normal it seems, but Caesarean births are not normal and should be reserved for life-saving.

### Can you tell us about some of the most unusual births with which you have been involved?

All travelled to Turkey last year to help a woman have a waterbirth and the Press hounded us as it was so rare. I have helped women having twins and breech babies, vaginal births following Caesareans, but the vast majority are just normal woman wanting normal births.

The best home-birth of my career, however, was just the other week, when I helped my first grandchild to be born at home into his daddy's hands. It was an amazing family occasion and an hour after he was born we were all having a celebratory breakfast.

### Mhat is the most rewarding part of your job?

When I leave the house following a homebirth, mum, dad and baby are all tucked up happily and have not been separated. After all these years I still want to run up to the postman and say "I helped that happen".

### What role do you think fathers have when it comes to childbirth? Do you think he has to be present?

What is right for one woman and her partner may not be right for another.

Some dads want to be fully hands-on and my role is to facilitate that. Some dads need to be down the pub and my job is to support them in that decision. I think couples are too pressured to conform to what society thinks.

The partner in Kent Midwifery Practice explains to **Ed Hill** why she chose to work independently and why there should be more home-births; she also explains the satisfaction gained from her role









# SANDS OF A GOOD TIME

Margate Sands welcomed youngsters from across the region for the Sport 4 NRG Beach Fest 2010. Nathan Wisbe, from Herne Bay, won the 30-second keepy-up contest, managing 56. Victors in the three-a-side beach football were the Sturry Road Massive, from Canterbury, while the five-a-side winners were Sport 4 NRG B, from Thanet.

In rounders, the winners were a combined Thanet team who beat Canterbury in the final. The fair-play award went to the YCFA Seniors, from Canterbury. All participants went home with a T-shirt, medal and summer programme of free sports sessions, provided by Thanet council's Sport Matters team.

The event was organised by the council in partnership with StreetGames, a national youth sports-development charity. Organiser James Gregory said: "It went well and everyone had a great time. Our work with StreetGames shows our commitment to getting more young people involved in sport. It's great for their health and helps reduce things like antisocial behaviour."

# £2,000 fine after landlord falls foul of licensing rules

### BY TOM BETTS

A LANDLORD who failed to comply with the terms of his licence has been fined £2,000.

Michael Harnett, of West Cliff Road, Broadstairs, rented rooms in a house of multiple occupation (HMO) in Albion Road, Ramsgate.

In November 2009, Thanet council's housingimprovement team discovered that 29 Albion Road, which was then an HMO, was operating in contravention of licence conditions.

Officers found rooms not being used in accordance with the licence. As many were small, a communal lounge was required, but there was none, while some toilet and bathroom facilities had been screwed shut.

One man was living in an undersized room, while two additional kitchens, which were required to cater for the number of potential residents, had not been installed.

Also, the gas-fired central-heating system had not worked since the previous summer and the council had not been provided with valid gassafety certificates.

Harnett, 49, was interviewed under caution

and did not provide a reasonable excuse for failing to maintain and improve the property. As a result he was prosecuted.

At Thanet court, Harnett admitted failing to comply with his licence and was fined £2,000, to which a £15 victim surcharge was added. He was also ordered to pay £100 costs.

HMOs are properties occupied by more than one family, such as those used for bedsits or shared houses. Since April 2006, HMOs of three or more storeys and occupied by five or more people must be licensed under laws introduced to improve conditions and management standards.

Chris Wells, cabinet member for community services, said: "HMOs are often linked to bad management and antisocial behaviour. This is why licensing is important as it helps ensure tenants are kept safe and neighbours are not unduly disturbed.

"This case should be a reminder to landlords that simply obtaining a licence is not good enough. Licence conditions must be complied with or the council will take enforcement action.

"In this case, most of the conditions had been ignored, which is completely unacceptable."

•If you think you own or are renting a room or property that should be licensed as an HMO, you can phone the housing improvement team on 01843 577437 for further information.



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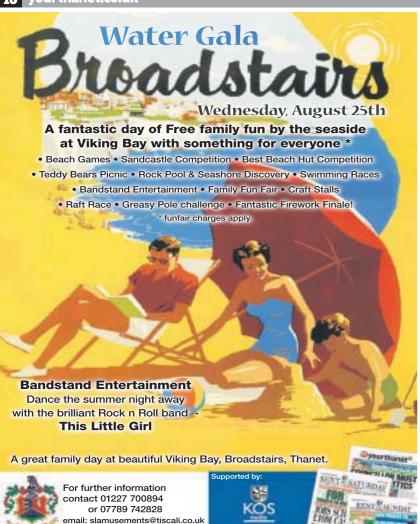


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# Police dogs 'bite' 50

KENT Police dogs have bitten almost 50 people in the past 15 months, according to new figures.

Of that number, four victims were members of the public caught up in police chases and, in one case, a missing-person search. Four police officers were also bitten.

But the majority of those bitten were suspected criminals and in almost half the cases were being pursued by police.

Crimes included burglaries, theft of vehicles, suspected arson, fights and, in one incident, threats to an officer.

From January 2009 to June 2010, 49 people were bitten by police dogs, causing injuries such as puncture marks, grazes and scratches. In some incidents the dog gripped a person's clothing, which has to be reported as a bite, or there was no injury sustained.

In the four cases of members of the public being bitten, one reported a puncture wound BY **MARIJKE COX** 

to the ankle, two reported reddening arms and one claimed to have been bitten on the

The 41 suspects - one of whom was a violent prisoner and another was wanted in connection with violent assault - complained of puncture wounds, bruising or bite marks.

Since 2005, six claims have been made against the police regarding dog bites – three  $\,$ are now dormant, one was discontinued, another is ongoing and in one case the claimant received £63 for a ripped jacket.

Assistant Chief Constable Andy Adams said all Kent Police dogs were trained to the national standard.

"Handlers undergo continuous refresher training throughout the year," he said.
"Police dogs are trained to protect them-

selves and their handlers from violent

attack, and also to chase and detain fleeing suspects. They help to arrest more than 1,000 suspects every year.

He said people who were violent towards the dog or the handler, or who acted in a threaten-

ing way, could get bitten.
"Our force has one of the leading dog teams in the country and has won national awards at a number of police events.'

In all cases except one, the breed involved was German shepherd. The one exception involved a mallinois, a variety of the Belgian shepherd dog

The Kent Police Dog Unit performs patrol duties, public-order duties, explosives searching, weapon detection, cash detection and firearms support.



### Get on board in rail-service discussions

RAIL-USERS are being urged to unite with politicians and pressure groups to push for improvements to Kent's train service.

It follows a meeting between transport minister Theresa Villiers and Kent County Council's cabinet member for highways Nick Chard about problems caused by the High Speed One (HS1).

Cllr Chard is now calling on passengers to help create a united front to press the Government for better services

"The rail franchise in Kent is due for renewal in 2012, or 2014 if Southeastern is granted an extension," he said.

"Work needs to start now if we are to shape rail services."

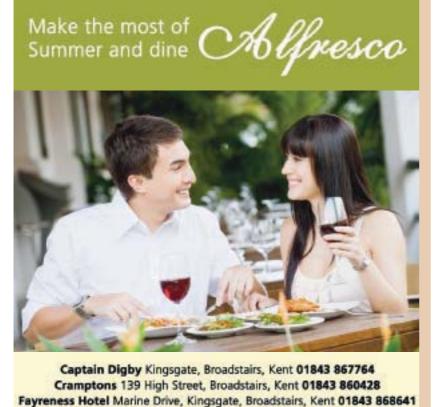
Since the new HS1 timetable was fully rolled out in December, services for the north and east of the county, most notably Maidstone and Deal, have been plagued with

Some of the 'classic' slower services running between Maidstone and the City were cut and passengers from areas including Thanet and Herne Bay found they were paying more money for a reduced service.

To get involved or to make a comment, email nick.chard@kent.gov.uk.







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### **BREAK** TIME



ROPED IN: Skip2Bfit's John McCormack with pupils

### Skipping school way to a healthy lifestyle

HOPPING Birchington primary school pupils took part in the Kent-based Skip2bfit national schools programme.

They each received a kitbag full of Skip2Bfit skipping-ropes for the school and blueberries for everyone.

The school was awarded the day by the Thanet Schools Sport Partnership development manager Hilary Farmolie.

John McCormack, founder of Skip2Bfit,

said: "I was pleased to return to one of my own schools in Thanet with Skip2Bfit after years of travelling up and down the UK working with the Youth Sports Trust and Sainsbury's.

"This year Šainsbury's once again ran a national competition for schools to win a visit from the Skip2Bfit team.
"Hundreds of schools across the UK

entered, which will now see the programme impact on many more children to lead a more healthy lifestyle.

"Skip2Bfit's message is simple. We cannot all be the best, but we can all improve and, using our ropes, everyone can see their improvement, when they try just a little bit harder.

"Skip2Bfit teaches you to take more responsibility of your own well-being. This is what we passionately believe in."

# Decades of service at an an end for grammar duo

BY TOM BETTS

LONG-SERVING senior staff members Andy Williamson and Colin Harvey have retired after distinguished careers at Chatham House grammar school in Ramsgate.

Mr Williamson, the current head of school, began his 36-year service at Chatham House as a geography teacher and head of White's

He became head of the junior school and head of Coleman's house before taking a year's secondment to study for an MEd in education management in Bath.

He returned and became head of PHSE and careers, including the UCAS university-entrance applications. After a period as head of sixth form he became deputy head-teacher before taking on his final role in April 2009.

Many students remember his passion for rugby and he ran the first XV for more than

Mr Williamson was also the coach of the Thanet Wanderers team that won the first Intermediate Cup at Twickenham in 1997. He is also proud that the school is developing

a rugby academy.

He said: "This is a fabulous opportunity for boys to really develop their skills and understanding of all aspects of the game."

He added: "I have enjoyed the camaraderie of the staff and the enthusiasm of the students over many years at Chatham House.

Mr Harvey, a former student of the school, joined the staff as an English teacher in 1975



STALWARTS: Head of English Colin Harvey, left, and head of school Andy Williamson are retiring from Chatham House

before taking a break to run the Benjamin Beale pub in Margate in 1982.

He re-entered teaching part-time at the former Lausanne School in Margate, with further posts at Ellington, Thanet College, Conyngham and Drapers Mills before in 1989 returning full-time to teach at The Charles Dickens School in Broadstairs, where he taught for ten years.

In 1999 he rejoined the English department at Chatham House, becoming head of year 11 and taking over as head of English.

He also served on the senior leadership team. focusing on teacher-training and mentoring.

Mr Harvey said: "I will also miss the staff friendships and the students – I think myself and Mr Williamson agree it is the boys who make the place what it is.
"Although Chatham House is still recognis-

able as the place I first came to as a student in 1956, inevitably there will be big changes in the coming years as we move into ever-closer partnership with Clarendon House.

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# Births, deaths... and books

A BIG shake-up in public services could see people registering births and deaths with

A six-month pilot project is under way at Ashford and Sevenoaks libraries, where registration services have been relocated.

Library staff are being trained to register births and deaths, with registrars being trained to become librarians.

The changes are part of a scheme looking at how services can be delivered together.

It comes after Kent County Council revealed that it had to make £15 million in savings this year as a result of coalition government cuts.

Although concerns have been raised by Unison, KCC said the trial would help look at the best way to deliver registrations.

"It will give us an opportunity to test how the services can work together to provide venient location," an official said.

"We also want to explore how we can make the most of our premises and staffing resources across the county."

Initial plans saw an over-the-counter service, where people wanting to register a birth or death would have to do so surrounded by library-users. Unison argued this would be

insensitive for people registering deaths.

David Lloyd, the Kent branch's general secretary, said: "We think we have won on this point and it has been agreed there will be private rooms available for registrations.

Staff involved in the trial have been fully trained, with librarians in birth and death registration and registrars in relevant library duties, including premises management and staff rotas. A survey is being carried out to gather feedback from the public.





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### **YOUR LETTERS**



### No need to fear the 'You're sacked' card

I found the front-page article of July 28 ill-informed and misleading.

It is a matter of fact, not debate, that Thanet council has to find budget savings of around 20 pence in the pound this year.

It is also a matter of fact that this has largely arisen from stringent reductions on central-government funding.

These reductions have coincided with complex reforms in the structure of such funding, such that the amount of cuts required is very difficult to foresee.

It is also current council policy to

restrict increases in council tax to 4 per cent per annum.
The article could be taken to

impute that the council's estimated direct and indirect employees will be lined up somewhere, and every fifth one will be handed a 'You're sacked' card.

We do not work like that. By way of example, two senior executive officers have left but have not been replaced. Their workload has been redeployed.

Steve Albon's statement that Thanet council employees with 40 years of service will get a pension of only £4,000 a year is also palpable rubbish, as is his allegation that existing pension entitlements could be slashed.

I know of nobody of any gravitas who has suggested this.

It is, of course, correct to assume that the current 'gold-plated' publicsector salary-linked pension system needs reform.

Evidence is not hard to find. Nine out of 10 private-sector schemes have either closed or been replaced. Look at Nationwide, Marks &

Spencer and a plethora of other companies for examples.

Change happens.

I am a simple back-bench councillor and, like most I know on either side or the political divide, am simply trying to represent the good folk who voted me in.

I do not do it for money. I am paid a monthly allowance, net of tax, of £164. I doubt this covers my telephone bills, postage, travel and other costs

I am entitled to claim for these, but, in common with many other Conservative and Labour councillors with whom I am

# yourblogger

Ian MacMillan explains why the petrol-head's need for speed is neither big nor clever

### DRIVING cars and motorbikes fast. Clever or stupid?

Having driven a car safely for more than 50 years, I watched with mounting anger a TV documentary about recently-qualified young boy and girl racers.

Statistics show that the arrogant, selfish and ignorant anti-heroes featured are a danger to themselves and others on the road and yet, until confronted by the possible consequences of their antisocial behav-iour, they were quite happy – and indeed proud – to race on the road, exceed the speed limit and so on.

They seem to get a thrill out of speed, and the pride comes from the irrational feeling that it is them rather than the car's engine that causes the speed.

As though putting the car in a certain gear and stamping on the accelerator is macho and clever.

Wouldn't it be nice if this antisocial, dangerous and, indeed, childish behaviour was deprecated by all. But, alas, that is not the case.

Certain young boy racers make a lucrative living by driving cars recklessly and dangerously fast... Jenson Button and Lewis Hamilton, to name just two.

Money is one thing, but fame is another, and in petrol-head circles, this is best achieved by almost killing yourself.

A middle-aged racer from Kent shot to fame after a spectacular crash in the Indianapolis race and Top Gear's Richard Hammond brought out an autobiography on the back of doing something extremely silly.

There are people who should know better who claim to see no connection between what the likes of Messrs Button and Hamilton are admired for doing and what the maligned boy racers do on the public highway.

As though, for instance, it would be perfectly acceptable for the NHS to campaign against smoking on the grounds that it is injurious to health while at the same time allowing smoking companies to sponsor a smoking contest.

Having watched the Tour de France and the European athletics championships, where the contestants hone their bodies to as near perfection as they can, it amazes me that getting into a car or on a

motorbike and 'racing' is considered a sport.

Back in 1979 a motorbike racer wrecked my grassroots career as a runner (a mere 19th-ranked in the Commonwealth over the marathon in 1969).

As age was about to do gradually what the bikerider did suddenly, maybe I should be grateful.

But this is not some sort of personal vendetta against the petrol-heads. It's just that admiring them features quite highly in the list of things I find incom-

So, safety on the roads and banning so-called motor sport? Or the alternative?

Both is not an option.

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acquainted, I never have

Like them, I would prefer to see sparse council funds preserved.

**Cllr Ewen Cameron (Conservative)** Bradstowe ward

· Editor's note: In fairness to Steve Albon, he did in fact say "a person who's been at Thanet council for 40 years will be lucky to get £5,000 a year", rather than £4,000 a year in pension, as printed. The error was mine and apologies to Mr Albon.

### Tenants need all the facts on ALMO plans

I feel that local council tenants should be very cautious regarding the Arms Length Management Organisation (ALMO) that Thanet council wants to enter into with Dover, Canterbury and Shepway councils.

So far the success of ALMOs has all been with single-operated models involving just one council.

The model Thanet is proposing involves four, and this has never been achieved before.

The booklet being distributed to council tenants is disturbingly onesided and appears to be a promotional exercise to acquire the outcome that the council wants by stressing all the positive points but none of the negative. These should be considered.

Tenants need a balanced presentation that not only acknowledges success of the scheme but also recognises the possible

consequences of failure.

Opponents of ALMOs have for many years maintained that this system is the first step to privatisation.

Whether or not Thanet residents accept the council's decision, they will need to be in possession of all the facts

A full ballot on this very important issue would provide a democratic outcome

The future status of somebody's home surely demands nothing less.

**Cllr Thomas King (Independent)** 

Westgate-on-Sea ward

### More green space at threat from council

Because I am aware of how much the residents of Highfield Road and the surrounding area value the former railway-line land to the rear of Highfield Close as an open space, with its variety of wildlife, I was most concerned that the land was on Thanet council's cabinet agenda with a recommendation for disposal.

This area is used as amenity land where children can play, residents can walk their dogs and, at weekends in particular, one part is used as a car park for the many hundreds using the Jackey Bakers playing fields.

I am fully aware of the 'bribe' that some of the funding raised through sale of the land could be used for improving car-parking and

changing facilities, but these are a desperately needed and longignored responsibility of Thanet council which should be dealt with, without this sell-off.

I firmly believe that rubbishdumping is being exaggerated as an excuse to obtain this land for development.

I understand that for some time this land has been designated for housing, facing inwards towards Jackey Bakers and with the very obvious beginnings of a road to it already in place on the New Haine

This issue affects not only those residents who back on to this land or who live in the area.

This is of great importance to all Ramsgate, indeed Thanet, residents, who are slowly but surely seeing the council erode the green spaces of Thanet.

It is well known that open spaces contribute to the well-being of people's mental and physical health and we need more, not less It would be good if Thanet council

could look at this land, with its adjacent copse, to see if it could actually improve the area, not destroy it.

With the new legislation to prevent the development of gardens, maybe recreational and open spaces should have a higher priority - and to this end I have managed to persuade the council to remove this land from the assetdisposal list and to provide a full and fair consultation with residents

I will press for a public meeting to

allow residents to make their wishes known.

Cllr Liz Green (Labour) Northwood ward

### Title change was democratic choice

I was very surprised to see last week's letter from Jean Fleming

A motion regarding the use of the title 'Cllr' was put to Birchington Parish Council members, seconded, discussed, voted on and passed.

That is democracy.
The Thanet Area Parish Committee chairman had a copy of our parish meeting agenda as he is a member of the council.

Therefore, I am surprised at his comments. He could either have attended the meeting or had the courtesy to discuss this matter with me before the meeting.

Perhaps if some council members were to attend the training days, they would understand how the council actually works.

**Brian White** chairman, Birchington Parish Council

### So wrong to restrict the use of this word

At a recent Birchington Parish Council meeting, the chairman put forward a motion forbidding councillors to use the word 'Cllr' preceding their names unless they were on official council business.

Wrong, wrong, wrong! I have now written to the Standards Board of England for an official ruling on this issue

Hopefully, this issue will be resolved once and for all.

Bernard LaRoche Birchington

### Wrong again, Laura, on energy problems

Laura Sandys, Thanet South's Tory MP, states in the local Press that energy insecurity is the legacy of the last 13 years.

However, the present insecurity has its origin in the unnecessary and bungled privatisation of the Central Electricity Generating Board more than 20 years ago.

In the sale, the nuclear power stations was left unsolved as the private sector didn't want them and it still doesn't.

The profitable bulk of the industry was sold off far too cheaply and Mrs Thatcher added insult to injury by saying that the nationalised industries thrived on the private ones when the exact opposite was the case.

The British heavy users – steel, plastics, chemicals and so on – had Europe's cheapest electricity and only the French industry had either one or two of the remaining tariffs cheaper while being much less profitable than the CEGB.

Now get ready for dear electricity and stock up on coal and candles.

Mr B Apperley **Broadstairs** 

# MP calls for road to be changed from A to B

AN isle MP is calling for a busy road to be redesignated.

South Thanet MP Laura Sandys believes the A257 should be a B road to relieve villages from HGV-drivers looking for short-cuts.

She said: "The villages along the A257 have for years suffered from large lorries and fast traffic taking the short-cut from the Sandwich roundabout to Canterbury and vice versa, rather than going along the East Kent Access Road.

Fellow MP Julian Brazier, who represents Canterbury, believes the same thing. Ms Sandys, pictured, said: "We are calling

on KCC to redesignate the road to a B road and ensure signage directs traffic along the



new East Kent Access Road rather than through the villages of Shatterling, Wingham, Littlebourne Bramling."

Mr Brazier said: "This has been an ongoing problem for

the villages and there have been many accidents, with large foreign HGVs finding their way on to a road that would never be

designated an A road today."

Ms Sandys added: "The new East Kent Access Road offers us an excellent opportunity to get the signage changed, the road designated appropriately as a B road and for lorries to be directed on to the large trunk roads rather

than through delightful rural villages. Local county councillors, district councillors and parish councillors are supportive of this request and all hope the decision can be made in conjunction with the opening of the East Kent Access Road."

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### **LIVE & LOCAL**

### Pirates welcome aboard

SEADOGS are invited to take part in a pirate-themed evening to mark the start of Dover Regatta.

Shanty singers will perform at Table Table in Marine Court, Dover, from 8pm on Friday, and people are invited to wear their eye patches and tricorn hats.

For details call 01304 218260 or email dover.marinecourt@whitbread.com.

### Audition for stage role

OPEN auditions are being held for roles in two productions by the Folkestone-Hythe Operatic and Dramatic Society.

Auditions for James Goldman's Lion in Winter will be held at the Tower Theatre in Folkestone on Sunday and auditions for this year's pantomime, Babes in the Wood, take place on Sunday, September 5. For details call 07711 710952 or email info@towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk.

### Musical to raise funds

GET A Slice of Saturday Night when the Granville Theatre in Ramsgate hosts a fund-raising performance.

The hit musical will be performed from Thursday to Saturday and again from next Thursday to next Saturday. Tickets cost £10 in advance or £12 on the door. To book call 01843 591750.

### Stars at jazz festival

WANTSUM Jazz Festival takes place at Ramsgate's Royal Harbour this weekend.

EastEnders star Scott Maslen will be there to support his wife, Estelle Rubio, when she performs onboard the Proud Seahorse on Saturday. Hamish Stuart and film composer John Altman will also be appearing. Christine Tobin and the WestCoast Soul Orchestra perform on Sunday. For details check Facebook or call 01843 850630.

### Live music at pub

ENJOY an afternoon of free live music when harmonica player Brendan Power performs in Canterbury on Sunday.

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### Kent is star of comedy

THE Kent landscape stars in The Calling, the latest film by Thanet-based company Medb Films.

Starring Brenda Blethyn, Emily Beecham, Amanda Donohoe and the late Corin Redgrave, the comedy drama was shot at Salmestone Grange in Margate and in other parts of Thanet. The DVD is available from Mondayand can be preordered at www.amazon.co.uk.



# Join sailing set

### **RAMSGATE WEEK**

Monday, August 16, to Sunday, August 22 Various venues, Ramsgate.



SPECTATORS can look forward to thrilling action on the high seas when Ramsgate Week gets under way.

Renowned for being one of the friendliest regattas in the country, Ramsgate Week attracts entrants from all over the country and even further afield. Sailors from Belgium, France and Holland will be making the trip across the Channel to take part in the fun next

Despite the stiff competition and fierce rivalries encountered out on the water, the event is well-known for its warm and welcoming atmosphere, and competitors find plenty of time to relax together after the races

Hosted by the Royal Temple Yacht Club, the regatta offers events for serious racers in the IRC class and also gives the chance for competitive fun in the Cruiser class.

In collaboration with Broadstairs Sailing Club, the new dinghy sailing weekend will take place from Broadstairs on the Saturday and Sunday.

The action can be seen from the safety of dry land, so spectators do not need to leave the shore to enjoy the entertainment. From the Eastern pier head, it is possible to see the boats in the Cruiser class jostle for position at the RTYC start line. A warning signal starts the race sequence and Ramsgate's Mayor, Cllr David Green, will fire the first cannon at

10.25am on Monday.

Competitors in the IRC classes will start their races offshore and people on the shore can see them head out to the start line before the races get under way at 10am. Spectators should also look out for the colourful spinnakers that can be seen 'flying' out in front of

"As well as being a truly international event, Ramsgate Week is a family-friendly regatta," said Commodore Mike Brand.

"The harbour becomes a hive of activity and yachtsmen benefit from the excellent sailing conditions off Ramsgate. We are looking forward to welcoming all participants to the event and providing the spectators with something great to watch.

The racing programme includes the IRC classes 1 to 3 series of coastal races, with one taking place each day from Monday to

Wednesday. The race taking place on Wednesday is the famous Round the Goodwin Sands Noot Cup.

IRC International Regatta Series features three races on Thursday, two on Friday and two on Sunday. Running from Friday to Saturday, the SailEAST four-race series is also part of the IRC International Regatta Series and is a highly competitive event.

International teams will compete in the new Commodores Cup for Half Tonners and seven races make up the X-35 class, which takes place over Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

There will be three cruiser classes between Monday and Saturday – class five is an unre-stricted cruiser class with spinnakers, class six is for fast cruisers without spinnakers and class seven features slow cruisers without spinnakers.

The Dinghy Regatta features six races taking place from Broadstairs across the Saturday and Sunday.

Evening entertainment can be enjoyed at the Royal Temple Yacht Club, and there will be a children's area in the Hold Bar.

For more information, download the brochure from the website at www.ramsgateweek.com or www.rtvc.com.



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### **BEAUTY AND THE BEAST**

Friday, August 13, Strode Park, Herne Bay

CHAPTERHOUSE presents an enchanting version of popular fairytale, Beauty and the Beast.

Laura Turner's interpretation of the much-loved story adds extra magic to the tale, in this family production. The show visits Strode Park as part of a summer tour of outdoor venues, and the open-air setting will add atmosphere to the evening. Set in the 1940s, the play

opens with Louisa and her friends transforming her garden into a magical backdrop for the romantic story.

When a beautiful young girl is forced to live in a spooky old cas-



tle, she is at first afraid of her scary host. But eventually friendship blossoms and she begins to see past the monstrous exterior to the man inside.

Audience members who go along in fancy dress can join Louisa and her friends in a fairytale parade during the interval.

The performance starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £11 for adults, £7 for students and children and £32 for families of four. ickets.com.



### **GULBENKIAN'S NEW SEASON** Various dates, Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury FROM top names in comedy to a dramatic icon, there is plenty to enjoy at the Gulbenkian. Belly laughs will abound when Canterbury wel-

comes Ardal O'Hanlon, Rich Hall, Micky Flanagan, Julian Clary, Chris Addison, Tommy Tiernan, Brendon Burns, Greg Davies, Mitch Benn and his Distractions, comic ventriloquist Paul Zerdin and Jenny Eclair, pictured.

Step back in time with the Railway Swing Band, see the stars of the future with the Marlowe Young Musician of the Year 2010 and take a musical trip around the world with the Maridadi Singers and

The Hamsters interpret Jimi Hendrix's music and Georgie Fame will be showing why he has enjoyed such a long show business career. Show of Hands will be performing with Miranda Sykes and cellist Robert Cohen also makes an appearance.

Quality drama continues with The Caretaker, A Doll's House, Kupenga Kwa Hamlet and La

Bohème, also actor, writer and director Steven Berkoff will talk about his career.

There are also lots of children's shows and variety

performances to enjoy.

For full listings visit www.thegulbenkian.co.uk



### **UK BODY PAINTING FESTIVAL**

Saturday, August 14, and Sunday, August 15 Bridge House, Mersham



SEE how the body can become a natural canvas at this year's UK Body Painting Festival. Examples of remarkable artistry can be seen in life size as models showcase the extraordinary work of body painters. Children can take part in face painting and

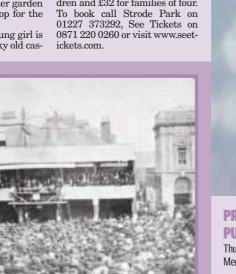
adults can find out more about the craft of body painting. On Friday afternoon, Fantasy UK will be holding a

three-hour body painting class to show how it is done.
On both days, children's face painting will be on offer from 10.30am to 11.30am, adult face painting runs from 10.30am to noon and adult body painting sessions run from 11am to 4pm. There will be presentations in all three categories in the afternoons.

Admission costs £3 for adults, £1.50 for children and £6 for families of two adults and up to two children.

Tickets can be bought in advance on the website and there is also an online gallery where visitors can see previous examples of artists' work.

Details of the programme are also available. For more information visit the we website at www.ukbpf.com.



### THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Thursday, August 12, Former Stagecoach bus depot, Dover

LEND your voice to art and help to create the soundtrack for Marjorie Van Halteren's new short film.

The radio producer and sound artist is appealing for residents of Dover town and district to take part in her latest project. On Thursday she will be directing a live sound performance for her 3.5-minute film, which will be shown on Dover's Big Screen later this year.

Her film includes archive photos of the spot where the Big Screen is located today and includes election hustings. It was here that in the past, election candidates would stand in front of the public and watch votes being counted in real time.

Using a wide assortment of materials from baking trays to coconut shells, Van Halteren wants local people to create the soundtrack for the film, The Voice of the People. The event takes place from 3-7pm and peo-

ple can join in at any time.

The Voice of the People is part of the contemporary visual arts project, From A to B, which runs in Dover town centre from September 10 to October 16.





Thursday, August 12, to Saturday, August 14 Memorial Theatre, Broadstairs

THE stories of six people seeking love and affection are played out in Private Fears in Public Places

Alan Ayckbourn's play - widely considered to be his masterpiece – is the latest production in the Sarah Thorne Summer Repertory Season. Four stories throw lives together as the six main characters search for warmth in an uncaring city.

Dan and Nicola are flat-hunting, but Nicola begins to feel she has no future with Dan and he places an advert with a dating

agency.

Estate agent Charlotte surprises her colleague Stewart by giving him a video of a

faith film, with an unexpected addition. Stewart and his sister Imogen keep secrets from each other as he enjoys the tape's hidden extra and Imogen goes out on a blind date. Meanwhile, Charlotte takes extra work as a carer for Arthur and meets his downtrodden son, Ambrose.

Tickets cost £10.50 for Sarah Thorne Theatre Club members and £12.50 for non-members who must book at least 24 hours in advance. To book call 0845 262 6263 or email info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk.



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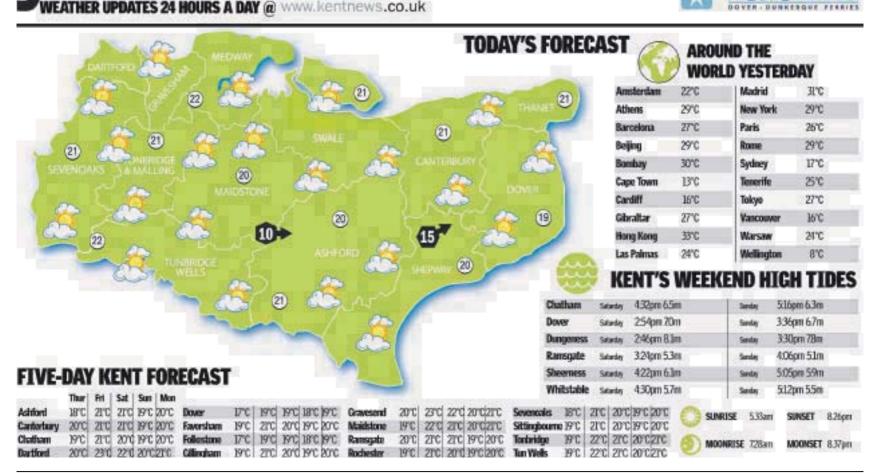
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Good old Shepherds Pie becomes Caribbean Spiced Shepherd's Pie, pork chops are transformed into Pork Chops Calypso, a simple fish supper becomes Smoked FishChoka and a classic dessert is remodelled into Mango, Banana and Passion Fruit Trifle.

meet the man himself at the Waterstones store at Bluewater, on the August 4. But if you didn't make it down there, fear not, Levi Roots signed ten copies of his book, courtesy of Bluewater, Europe's leading retail and leisure destination.

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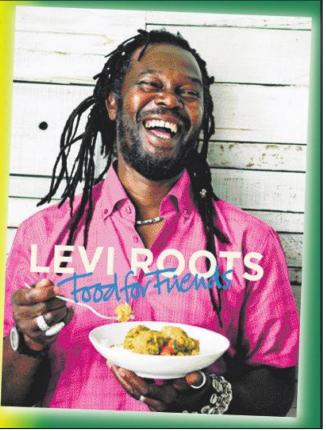
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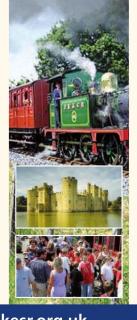
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# Action, pace and laughs fail to help stars shine in characterless caper

### BY **DAMON SMITH**

TOM Cruise and Cameron Diaz have starred in some of the most financially successful and critically acclaimed films of the past 25 years, collecting numerous awards for their efforts.

Yet put these two Hollywood superstars in the same camera shot and the results are lacklustre to say the least.

Their first collaboration, Vanilla Sky, an English language remake of the clever Spanish thriller Abre Los Ojos (Open Your Eyes), was confusing, illogical and uninvolving, and lacked the style and intelligence of Alejandro Amenabar's original film.

### Experience

Now these two talented actors reunite for James Mangold's fast-paced action comedy that has lots of crash and bang, but almost no emotional wallop.

There is a seed of a good idea in Patrick O'Neill's screenplay but the actor turned writer doesn't yet have the experience to knit together the comedy and action elements into a fluid and coherent narrative.

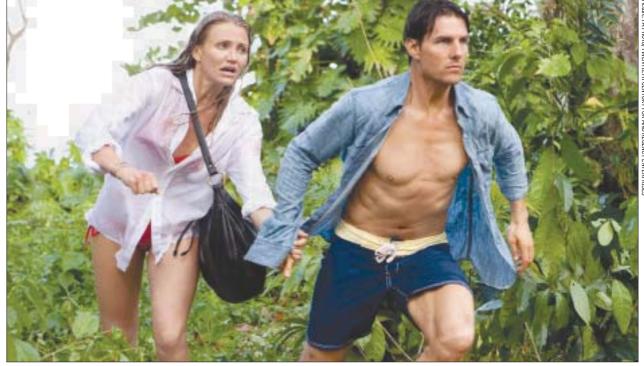
Screen chemistry between the leads never catches fire, even when entire buildings are exploding around them.

June Havens (Diaz) is an unassuming Midwestern gal, who is in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Boarding a flight bound for Boston, June is unexpectedly caught in the crossfire of a midair shoot-out between paranoid government agent Roy Miller (Cruise) and gun-toting

"I shot the first pilot, he shot the second... it's just one of those things," smirks Roy nervous-

June wakes the next morning, in her bed, believing that her high altitude adventure was



LEARNING CURVE: June Havens (Diaz) has to learn the tricks of the spy trade fast if she is to stay alive after getting caught up with government agent Roy Miller (Cruise)

nothing more than a bad dream, only for Miller to abduct her from a diner in front of would-be suitor, Rodney (Marc Blucas).

The young woman is now marked for death, and must quickly learn the tricks of the spy trade to stay alive and avoid an early grave at the hands of Antonio (Jordi Molla) and his henchmen

Meanwhile, CIA Agent Fitzgerald (Peter Sarsgaard) attempts to persuade June that Roy is a rogue spy who must be stopped before he hands a newly-discovered perpetual energy source to US enemies.

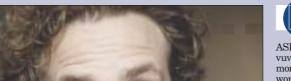
Knight And Day gallops across the globe, from Boston to Salzburg and finally to Seville for a spectacular finale during a bull run.

Cruise limbers up for the physical demands of Mission: Impossible IV, scheduled for release next summer, with a series of bruising stunt sequences and Diaz gets battered too behind the wheel of a car in the centrepiece

However, it's hard to muster concern for Roy and June when the screenplay pays such scant attention to character development.

Myriad villains are cardboard cut-outs. The twist is heavily signposted and the stars seem to be bulletproof when it matters, emerging from the melee virtually unscathed when lesser mortals would be riddled with bullets and bound for the mortuary slab.







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At the centre of the narrative is Pete Griffiths, a struggling young sports journalist who lacks the necessary social antenna to steer him smoothly through life, resulting in him getting into all sorts of embarrassing scrapes and situations.

Unbeknown to Pete, there are two sports commentators analysing his every move and choice, as if it's an exciting sports event, complete with sports graphics and opinions from

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guest stars, including sex expert Tracey Cox and relationship guru Claire Rayner.

Pete is played by Rafe Spall, the 27-year-old and son of veteran actor Timothy.

He says: "It's a really interesting premise, it hasn't been done before

and he's great character. "Pete's a sort of idiot but also quite bright at the same time and he's got a good heart, but he gets himself into terrible situations by lying most of

Making Pete likeable has proved

the toughest challenge.
"Even though Pete does these terrible things and he's amoral and a liar, you've still got to like him," says Rafe. You have to want him to do well, to

get the job, to get the girl and that

was a tricky conundrum to solve."

He hopes he's achieved that by having Pete remain oblivious to his own gauche nature.

"I think that's the only way you can get through it," he says. "An inspiration to me and the writers is Curb Your Enthusiasm. You hate Larry David but you love him as well. Everything that Larry does, even when he gets himself into terrible sit-uations, he's doing it to help other people and later on in the series Pete's doing that. He has the best of intentions, even if he gets undone.

The first episode saw Pete impress a girl when he lied about his commitment to green issues, before wrecking the first meeting with her parents through inappropriate remarks, and giving her mother a rape alarm as a



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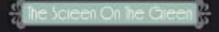
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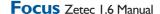
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A recently refurbished and extended detached house with a separate annexe located in the much desirable Cliffsend area, on the outskirts of Ramsgate. The property comprises six bedrooms, four bathrooms, three reception rooms plus much more. This property is ideally located in an area that is very accessible to the nearby towns, beaches and



**Kingsgate £318,000** 

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A detached bungalow situated on a generous corner plot of approximately 100' in width and located in the highly regarded Second Avenue area of Kingsgate. This property offers two double bedrooms, bathroom, cloakroom, kitchen / diner and lounge. Many buyers feel that the location of their next home is extremely important, that is why viewing of this property is essential.



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ART DECO ELEGANCE.

A substantial Art Deco style residence commanding a lovely position on the North Foreland Private Estate in Broadstairs. Internally, there are six bedrooms, four bathrooms, five reception rooms, a family kitchen / breakfast room and utility room plus various cloakrooms. Outside there is a large rear garden in excess of 100¹, a detached double garage, workshop and long driveway



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This surprisingly spacious detached chalet bungalow is situated in a popular road in Broadstairs and is offered to the market with no forward chain. An ideal family home this property comprises three / four bedrooms, one / two reception rooms, servatory, shower room and ensuite, kitchen, attractive rear garden and a garage



Broadstairs £410,000

LOCATION, LOCATION & WHAT A GARDEN.....

This detached chalet bungalow is situated in the wonderful location of Sea View Road, Broadstairs. This property comprises a large kitchen / diner, lounge, utility room, dining room, garden room, five bedrooms, shower room and a bathroom. To the front there is a large driveway and a garage. The rear garden is exceptional and measures 140' x 60' which is very private and sunny.



Ramsgate £325,000

WAKE UP TO THESE STUNNING SEA VIEWS

This grade II listed mid terraced house with a self contained apartment below boasts stunning sea and harbour views. This property is offered to the market with no forward chain and comprises three double bedrooms, two family bathrooms, cloakroom, roof terrace, balcony, lounge, family room and kitchen. There is also the benefit of a self contained one bedroom apartment.



Broadstairs £450,000

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A beautifully presented and substantial detached family home tucked away in the far corner of a highly regarded culdesac in Broadstairs. This lovely home, thought to be situated on the largest plot in the Drive, offers spacious and contemporary living arranged over two floors comprising five double bedrooms, two ensuites & bathroom, 3 reception rooms & 120' garden to two sides.



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WHAT A DREAM, DIRECTLY ON THE SEAFRONT....

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**Broadstairs £425,000 OIEO** 

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Broadstairs £235,000

CENTRAL TO THE TOWN.

A two double bedroom detached bungalow situated in central Broadstairs, within just a few minutes to the town and beaches. This desirable property does have central heating however, it would benefit from modernisation including a new kitchen and bathroom. With the right imagination, this property could be a little gem and is situated in a popular area, with no forward chain and a lovely 80' rear garden.



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NO FORWARD CHAIN!



## Margate Reduced To £149,995

THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOME WITH LOTS TO OFFER!....

This delightful three bedroom semi detached home has been much loved by the current vendors and is presented in an immaculate condition. The generous accommodation is arranged over two floors and comprises of two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom and separate w.c. Benefits of this home also include a 60' rear garden and gas central heating.



# Birchington £179,995

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An immaculately presented three bed mid terraced house, dose to the High Street and within a short distance to the beaches. This lovely home offers light and airy accommodation with the added benefit of a large loft room. There is a superb 20' x 17' kitchen/diner and a comfortable lounge, three bedrooms and a bathroom plus a large loft room on the second floor. Outside there is a beautifully maintained garden and workshop.



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THREE BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY HOME!.

This wonderful home is located within close proximity to the local shops, train station, schools, beaches and golf club. The accommodation of this home is arranged over two floors and comprises of a 17'07" living room, separate dining room, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, well appointed bathroom and separate w.c.



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BEAUTIFULLY REFURBISHED CHALET STYLE BUNGALOW!

This immaculately presented 1930's bungalow is conveniently located within close proximity to the QEQM hospital, local shops and schools. The property has recently been refurbished throughout and boasts four bedrooms, kitchen / diner, downstairs shower room, cloakroom, lounge, garage, and front and rear gardens with off street parking.



# Birchington £229,000

LOACTED WITHIN HALF A MILE OF THE BEACH AND LOCAL SHOPS!....

The generous size accommodation of this home comprises a 17'10" Living room, 11'10" Kitchen, shower room and two double bedrooms, loft room and an ensutile w.c to the moster bedroom. This bungalow also benefits from a detached garage with a workshop, driveway and gardens to the front and both sides of the property.



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Westbrook £285,000

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This very attractive family home is situated in one of Westbrook's most sought after Avenues within close proximity to the beach, local shops and train station. The generous size accommodation of this home is arranged over two floors and comprises a living room, dining room and a kitchen. On the first floor there are three bedrooms, a family



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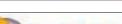
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CRICKET

# **Kent League Division Two**

Catford and Cyphers 1st XI v Broadstairs 1st XI

THE promotion race is wide open at the top of Division Two and Broadstairs have been left looking over their shoulder after suffering a surprise defeat at Catford and Cyphers.

Scott Narraway's side never recovered from a pitiful batting display which saw only one batsman reach double figures, and despite a late fightback they slumped to a three-wicket defeat.

The result leaves them only 14 points ahead of thirdplaced Dartford, who closed the gap at the top, beating league leaders Tenterden by six wickets at Hesketh Park.

Broadstairs' demise on Saturday was even more surprising given the fact Narraway won the toss and elected to bat first. His side were soon reeling from four quick wickets as Michael Ross, Jake Benfield, Alex Hogben and David Cooper all returned to the pavilion for a combined total of 17 runs.

Neil Brennan steadied the innings and gave Broadstairs some sort of platform from which to build, but he began to run out of batting partners as the hosts tightened their stranglehold on proceedings. By the time he was bowled by Richard Dear, Brennan had made 53, but his side could only muster 158 for 9 by the time their 50 overs came to an end.

In fairness, Broadstairs did well to keep the contest alive as long as they did, with Chris Kidd picking up 4 for 59 as Catford wickets tumbled. However, the home side never looked in serious danger of throwing away a winning position and Omar Clarke top-scored with 39 as they reached their victory target in the 38th over.

# **Broadstairs failure with** the bat hits home again



RUN CHASE: Broadstairs's (batting) pitiful batting display during Saturday's defeat away to Catford has seen title race open up

## **SCORE CARD**

# **Broadstairs 1st XI**

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# **LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP**

# **KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE** Harvel 1st XI v Sandwich Town 1st XI

VISHAUL Singh continued his outstanding season with the

bat as Sandwich Town beat basement side Harvel by 82 runs. Singh top scored in the visitors' innings with 90 before he was run out, making him the Kent League's top run

scorer so far this summer. It helped Sandwich reach a competitive 235 for 8 from their 50 overs.

Harvel have won just once in the league all season and apart from Daniel Walker (58) they offered little resistance. Sandwich skipper Matthew van Poppel took 5 for 38 to keep his side in the promotion mix

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Craig Spanton	10	0	25	1	
Tom Chapman	5	0	26	1	
Alan Amos	14	4	46	3	
Matthew van Poppel	10	2	38	5	

# **KENT REGIONAL LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION**

Nonington 1st XI v Westgate-On-Sea 1st XI

WESTGATE'S batting let them down on Saturday, as only two batsmen reached double figures in their seven-wicket defeat at Nonington.

Nick Sandwell (63) and Nick Baxter (57) received little support from their team-mates and Daniel Birch took 4 for 42 as the visitors were bowled out for 163.

Nonington knocked off the runs comfortably, with Daniel Pilbeam hitting 48 and Kieron Burrett unbeaten on 36 to help the home side reach their target in the 35th over.

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# **KENT REGIONAL LEAGUE 1B EAST** St Margaret's 1st XI v Dover Cosmopolitans

VICTORY by eight wickets against Dover Cosmopolitans has St Margaret's clear in third place, but promotion from 1B East looks to be beyond them this season

Bowling first, Dover were restricted to 140 for 6 from their 46 overs, with John Stokes top-scoring on 38. Daniel Kennett picked up 3 for 43 for St Margaret's.

In reply, the home side always looked in control and only two wickets fell as Lloyd King (38 not out) and Mark Parnell (32 not out) saw them safely across the winning line.

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# **KENT REGIONAL LEAGUE 1B EAST** Preston & Elmstone 1st XI v Margate 1st XI

MARGATE suffered a shock defeat on Saturday as they

went down by 44 runs at the hands of relegation-threatened Preston & Elmstone. The home side posted just 149 in their innings, with Paul Cork's 35 the highest individual contribution, while Kashif

Anwer and Brett Kirk picked up three wickets each. However, Margate completely faltered with the bat and they were all out for 105 inside 32 overs, with only Kirk passing 20 as the Preston bowlers tore through the card.

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.b Dewell...

Adam Cork

**Andrew Castle** 

Sam Ketcher	b Anv	/er		12
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Robbie Thomas	b Anv	/er		0
Gavin Marsh	b Rich	ford		27
Paul Cork				
Jerry Weavill				
Jason Cork				
Tom Shaw				
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Romesh Tenuwera	7	ï	32	2
Kashif Anwer	10	ī	54	3
Amy Richford	6	0	32	2
Simon Jackson	4	0	17	0

Brett Kirk	2	0	10	3
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Kashif Anwer	ct Cas	tle b Ketche	r	6
Josh Williamson	lbw b	Bertlin		11
Harry Brooks	b Ber	tlin		5
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Dan Carter	b Ber	0		
Amy Richford	ct Ber	0		
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Sam Ketcher	10	4	35	2
Jerry Weavill	10	3	30	3
Paul Cork	6	í	18	2
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# Saunders' dismissal hits Blues before big kick-off

# **FOOTBALL**

# BY STEVE TERVET

MARGATE may be forced to start the new season without Jay Saunders after the Blues skipper was sent off after full-time in Saturday's 3-2 defeat at Whitstable Town.

Saunders' dissent towards the referee was deemed worthy of dismissal and the consequences will reach beyond pre-season with a possible 35-day ban for the midfielder.

Blues manager Iain O'Connell was left seething by the official's performance at the Belmont and insisted the club would appeal

against Saunders' forthcoming suspension.

He said: "Throughout the whole game, he was abused by players and supporters and then he sent Jay off for saying he was a bit of a joke. You want refs to be the same throughout the game, but there was no continuity.

"I went into the changing room afterwards

and I think he was embarrassed.

"Surely he could have spoken to us rather than send someone off. It spoilt the game, really. In the first-half we didn't play that well, but he gave a penalty which was an absolute disgrace - none of their players could believe it - and that was 2-0."

Whitstable took an 18th-minute lead when Dan Wisker unleashed a fierce effort from 25 yards which flew beyond Jamie Turner.



HARD DONE BY: Jay Saunders (left) was sent off after the friendly against Whitstable for comments directed at the referee

Ismail and Allan Tait both missed good chances to equalise and the Gate were then infuriated as Tommy Osborne was adjudged to have handled in the area.

Jon Neal tucked away the penalty, but Darren Marsden notched his first goal in Margate colours soon afterwards, his curling effort going in via the underside of the crossbar.

Margate levelled midway through the second-half, when James Pinnock's cross was flicked on by Jean-Michel Sigere and Ismail pounced to knock home from close range.

Whitstable went on to claim the win, however, when Ian Hossick's free-kick deflected beyond Turner with eight minutes remaining.

O'Connell said: "I am worried that we're not sticking our chances away and it's something we have to sort out.

Gate hosted a Gillingham XI at Hartsdown Park last night. They complete their pre-season schedule at home to East Thurrock United of the Ryman North on Saturday.



EYES ON THE PRIZE: Ramsgate's Woolford (right) is preparing for a return to the ring

# Woolford eyes title shot

the ultimate goal for Ramsgate welterweight Scott Woolford as he prepares for his return to the

ring in Sunderland next month.

The 26-year-old, who was due to fight at the outdoor Lordswood boxing show, expressed his disappointment at the event's postponement, but said his focus had now turned to the fight against Chris Mullin on September 11.

Points defeats to Nathan Graham and Scott Haywood in his last two fights followed Woolford's third-round stoppage defeat at the hands of Young Mutley in February.

However, he has adjusted his training regime for the Mullin fight, which is expected to form part of the undercard for the IBF super-bantamweight title bout between Jason Booth and Steve Molitor.

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"I'm working on my upper-body strength and on new techniques, said Woolford.

"I need to throw more punches and at least we've been given the time to work on that in the gym.

"I know [Mullin] has been a pro for four years, he's 5ft 9in and he's an orthodox fighter, he comes forward. It's the kind of fight where I've got to do a bit of home-work. My brother (Vinny) is on the bill as well; they've offered us two fights so that gives us five weeks to train for it.

"I know I'm only one fight away from an English title shot, which I missed out on last year.

"As long as I get the season off to a winning start, I'll be back in. I'm ranked 25th in the country and the top-20 are all pretty tight.'

# Dixon makes roads on championship circuit



IN THE GROOVE: James Dixon recorded his first pole position at the Snetterton circuit

LAST weekend brought a new high for Margate-born racer James Dixon as he recorded his first pole position and claimed two runners-up spots in the Renault Clio Cup.

Having impressed in Friday's practice session at Norfolk's Snetterton circuit, the 20-yearold took his form into qualifying on Saturday and exceeded all expectations by recording the fastest lap time.

Dixon's performance meant championship leader Dave Newsham was denied pole for the first time in 11 races and he locked horns with Newsham for a fierce battle in race one.

Newsham found a way through to win, though, although Dixon held on for second place and he

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then repeated the feat in race two, sticking close behind team-mate Sam Tordoff and keeping third-placed Newsham at bay.

Dixon now occupies a spot in the championship's top-ten, a feat made more impressive by the fact he has only raced in eight of 12 races this season.

"I'm over the moon, I can't believe it," he said.
"To take my first pole position was a fantastic feeling and to be on the front row for the second race as well was great.

"Taking two podiums away from the weekend was more than I could have hoped for coming into the event.

# FOOTBALL



NEW FACE: Jim Ward gave Mark Lovell his Rams debut

# Lovell debuts for the Rams, but Pelling is the star of the show

RAMSGATE'S pre-season continued against Hastings United on Saturday as RAMSGATE'S Paul Axon scored in a 2-1 defeat for Jim Ward's side at Southwood.

The Rams, who entertained Folkestone Invicta last night, conclude their friendly programme with a home game against Tilbury on Saturday before opening the new Ryman South campaign at Walton &

Hersham on August 21.

Hastings, one of the strongest sides in the Ryman Premier last season, are expected to challenge again, but it was the Rams who made the brighter start on Saturday.

Mark Lovell, formerly of Ashford Town, was handed a place in the Ramsgate starting XI and he could have put the hosts ahead on several occasions early on

He flashed a shot narrowly wide of the upright and he then drew a smart save from former team-mate Scott Chalmers-Stevens as the hosts threatened an opener.

Lovell was then temporarily forced off through injury, but he returned to win a free-kick which he took, shooting just over.

It was slightly against the run of play when the visitors went ahead, Kenny Pogue scuffing his shot through a forest of legs and across the line.

Five minutes later, Russell Eldridge saw his header well-held by Conor Quinn, but Ramsgate were next to strike when Axon collected an Andy Hadden pass and sent a low shot scudding across the goalmouth

and past Josh Pelling.

Hastings restored their lead almost immediately when Pogue sent in a teasing cross from the left and Michael Phillips crashed his effort into the roof of the net.

Substitute Zack Thomas ran through oneon-one but was unable to find a way past Pelling, who further frustrated the Rams when he saved Ashley Groombridge's effort, following good work by Gary Lockyer.

Luke Wheatley had a late chance to level when he rose to meet a James Gregory freekick, but again Pelling was in position to save.

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